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§2–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Emergency” means a sudden or unexpected happening or an unforeseen combination of circumstances that calls for immediate action to protect the health, safety, welfare, or property of a person from actual or threatened harm or from an unlawful act.

(c) “Police officer” means a person who in an official capacity is authorized by law to make arrests and is:

- (1) a member of the Department of State Police;
- (2) a member of the Police Department of Baltimore City;
- (3) a member of the Baltimore City School Police Force;
- (4) a member of the police department, bureau, or force of a county;
- (5) a member of the police department, bureau, or force of a municipal corporation;
- (6) a member of the Maryland Transit Administration Police Force or Maryland Transportation Authority Police Force;
- (7) a member of the University System of Maryland Police Force or Morgan State University Police Force;
- (8) a special police officer who is appointed to enforce the law and maintain order on or protect property of the State or any of its units;
- (9) a member of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services;
- (10) the sheriff of a county whose usual duties include the making of arrests;
- (11) a regularly employed deputy sheriff of a county who is compensated by the county and whose usual duties include the making of arrests;

(12) a member of the Natural Resources Police Force of the Department of Natural Resources;

(13) an authorized employee of the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office;

(14) a member of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission Park Police;

(15) a member of the Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;

(16) a member of the Crofton Police Department;

(17) a member of the WMATA Metro Transit Police, subject to the jurisdictional limitations under Article XVI, § 76 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact, which is codified at § 10–204 of the Transportation Article;

(18) a member of the Intelligence and Investigative Division of the Department;

(19) a member of the State Forest and Park Service Police Force of the Department of Natural Resources;

(20) a member of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Force;

(21) a member of the Ocean Pines Police Department;

(22) a member of the police force of the Baltimore City Community College;

(23) a member of the police force of the Hagerstown Community College;

(24) an employee of the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department;

(25) a member of the police force of the Anne Arundel Community College; or

(26) a member of the police department of the Johns Hopkins University established in accordance with Title 24, Subtitle 12 of the Education Article.

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